

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough examination of the application. No new matter is believed to be added to the application by this Amendment.

Status Of The Claims

Claims 1-10, 12, 13, and 15-18 are pending in the application. Claims 2-10, 13 and 15-18 have been allowed.

Support for the changes to claim 1 may be found at page 8, lines 26-29 and at page 9, line 10 to page 18, line 19 of the present specification. Claim 12 has been amended to improve its language

Objection To Claim 12

Claim 12 has been objected to as containing an informality. The Examiners comments have been considered. Claim 12 has been amended to be free from informalities.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) Over Sakurai

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Sakurai (Japanese Patent Publication No. 56-110693). Applicants traverse.

Sakurai pertains to silicon-containing ester compounds. In paragraph 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner states: "Sakuri discloses (2-carboxylallyl)trimethylsilane ((CH₃)₃SiCH₂-C(=CH₂)-COOH) and (2-butoxycarbonylallyl)trimethylsilane ((CH₃)₃SiCH₂-C(=CH₂)-COO-CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₃) in pg. 2, eighth paragraph of English translation." (Emphases in original).

However, claim 1 have been amended so as not to cover *inter alia* a hydrogen group or n-butyl group. As a result, the present invention is clearly not anticipated by Sakurai.

This rejection is overcome and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

In paragraph 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner acknowledges the allowability of claims 2-10, 13 and 15-18. Also, the Applicants respectfully note that the reasons for allowability of the present invention are not restricted to those set forth in paragraph 5 of the Office Action.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner is thanked for considering the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 29, 2003 and for making the initialed PTO-1449 form of record in the application in the Office Action mailed January 5, 2005.

Prior Art

The prior art cited but not utilized by the Examiner indicates the status of the conventional art that the invention supersedes. Additional remarks are accordingly not necessary.

Foreign Priority

The Examiner has acknowledged foreign priority and indicated that a certified copy of the priority document has been received most recently in the Office Action mailed January 24, 2006.

Conclusion

The Examiners objection and rejection have been overcome, obviated or rendered moot. No issues remain. The Examiner is accordingly respectfully requested to place the application in condition for allowance and to issue a Notice of Allowability.

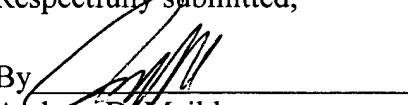
If any questions arise regarding the above matters, please contact Applicant's representative, Robert E. Goozner, Ph.D. (Reg. No. 42,593), in the Washington metropolitan area at the telephone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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